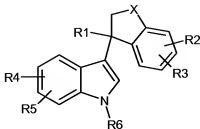


**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



Formula I

wherein,

X represents  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$ , or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^{10}-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$ ;

$\text{R}^1$  represents hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, halo(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-heterocycle, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylamine, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)dialkylamine;

$\text{R}^2$  represents hydrogen, halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle;

$\text{R}^3$  represents hydrogen, halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle;

$\text{R}^4$  represents  $\text{NHSO}_2\text{CH}_3$ ;

$\text{R}^5$  represents hydrogen;

$\text{R}^6$  represents hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl;

$\text{R}^7$  represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, aryl, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylamine, or N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)dialkylamine;

$\text{R}^8$  represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy, or aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy;

$\text{R}^9$  represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy, and

$\text{R}^{10}$  represents hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~Claim 1 wherein X represents  $-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ .

5. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~Claim 1 wherein X represents  $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$ .

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein  $\text{R}^1$  represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, halo(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-heterocycle, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylamine, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)dialkylamine.

8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 7 wherein  $\text{R}^1$  represents methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, halo(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-heterocycle, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkylamine, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-N,N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)dialkylamine.

9. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein  $\text{R}^2$  represents hydrogen, halo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle.

10. (Original) The compound according to Claim 9 wherein  $\text{R}^2$  represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, or isopropyl.

11. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein  $\text{R}^3$  represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or bromo.

12. (Original) The compound according to Claim 11 wherein  $\text{R}^3$  represents hydrogen or fluoro.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein  $\text{R}^6$  represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.

19. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

20. (Cancelled)
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Cancelled)
23. (Cancelled)
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28. (Cancelled)
29. (Cancelled)
30. (Cancelled)
31. (Cancelled)
32. (Cancelled)
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of N-[3-(1-Ethyl-5-fluoro-indan-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(6-Fluoro-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(6,8-Difluoro-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(4-Ethyl-7-fluoro-chroman-4-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, and N-[3-(1-Cyclopropyl-5-fluoro-indan-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.